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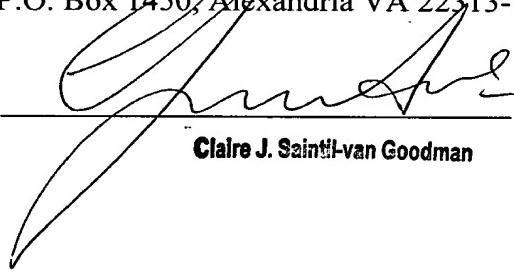
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of pending prior Application No. 08/702,718 (Confirmation No. 7038), filed on March 19, 1997 for "PROCESSES FOR INHIBITING AND FOR INDUCING FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS."

- [X] Please enter the Amendment/Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on July 28, 2003 in Application No. 08/702,718.
- [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
- [X] A Response is enclosed.
- [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) are enclosed.

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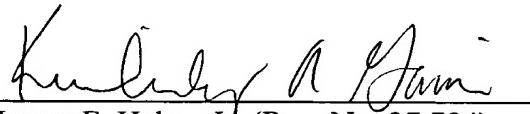
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- A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

- A postcard is enclosed.
- A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.
- Please charge \$770.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
- Please grant a one-month, two-month, three-month, four-month, five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to file this response after the filing of a Notice of Appeal in the above-identified patent application.
- Please charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the one-month extension-of-time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed.

- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.



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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
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Sir:

In further response to the January 28, 2003 Final Office Action and in response to the October 6, 2003 Advisory Action, applicants request continued examination and provide the following remarks, which are supplementary to applicants' July 28, 2003 Response to Final Office Action, now entered with the request for continued examination.

Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal and an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on July 28, 2003. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

Appl. No. 08/702,718
Amdt. dated Oct. 28, 2003
Response Accompanying RCE

With the extension, the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief is October 28, 2003. Thus, this request for continued examination is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.